




TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		Attorney Docket No. <b>0509-1082</b> U.S. Application No. <b>10/517526</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. <b>PCT/FR03/01725</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>June 10, 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>June 11, 2002</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>MELAMINE FOAM SHEET ARTICLE AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Jean SAUNIERE</b>		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).  
The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.
  - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - ☐ is attached hereto.
  - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
- ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)
- ☐ A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv). )
- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - ☒ Copy of IDS citations.
- ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)).
- ☒ A preliminary amendment.
- ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
- ☒ Itemized Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ A substitute specification.
- ☐ Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 CFR §3.73(b)
  - ☐ Newly executed Power of Attorney
  - ☐ A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter.
- ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
- ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).
- ☒ Other items or information: **Abstract, International Search Report, PCT/IPEA/409 (International Preliminary Examination Report)**

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